To this must, however, be added the completion of the Settlement of Murbad and the Demarcation and Settlement of Shahapur. Mr. Orr, however, adds: "I have good hopes that the whole work of the district will be complete by the end of 1896."

- 15. In the Mandvi Taluka of Surat the sanctioned demarcation has been found to be so faulty that it has been ordered in Government Resolution No. 6702 of 2nd September 1895, that it be revised. It is confidently expected, however, that the work will be completed during the coming season.
  - 16. In the rest of Surat and in the Panch Maháls settlement is complete.

#### (iii).—DEMARCATION.

17. The following statement shows the clearance of boundary lines and the erection of forest boundary marks effected during the year:—

No.	Division.		Length of Boundary		OF CAIRNS	Amount	spent.	Rate per	Remarks.
			demarcated.	Large,.	Small.		•	mile.	• .
		7	•			Rs. a	a. p.	Rs.	•
1 2 3 4	East Thána West Thána Surat Panch Maháls	•••	$17 \\ 34\frac{1}{2} \\ 30\frac{1}{2} \\ 23$	114 210	290 4 • 187 .55	195 68 811 2,282	13 9 3 0 .7 3 1 6	•••	
-	. • Total	•••	105	324	536	3,357	9 6	111	•
	Total of 1893-94	•••	139 ½.	.752	313	3,730	0 0	263	

#### (iv).—SURVEYS.

18. The following statement furnished by the Superintendent of Forest Survey Work and its cost during survey year 1894-95 in this Circle:—

Description of Surve	·y•	Scale.	District.	Area in Square miles.	Total ( Súrvey				st rat are m		Remarks.
					Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	-
Triangulation	•••	8″ mile.	West Thána.	205	970	4	5	6	11	3	Máhřm Tá-
Traversing	•••	•••		200	970	4	5	4	13	7	luka.
Detail Survey	•••	•••	East Thána	5,557	9,462	1.	9	170.	7	4	Váda Táluka.
• Total	•••	•••		•••	.11,402	10	7		•••		,

19. The actual cost debited to the Northern Circle during the forest year was Rs. 11,219-2-7.

#### CHAPTER II.

#### MANAGEMENT OF STATE FORESTS.

#### I.—REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT.

(a).—Working Plans and their Control.

20. The Working Plans Division was in charge of Mr. G. P. Millett, Deputy Conservator of Forests, 4th Grade, during practically the whole year.

- 21. During November, December, and part of January Mr. Millett was employed in inspecting in detail the reserves in the Godhra Range of the Panch Mahals division. As a result of this inspection a draft scheme of working was drawn up by him which was submitted to the Divisional Forest Officer and Revenue officers; on receipt of any criticisms or suggestions they may have to offer, the details of the Working Plan will be elaborated and the scheme submitted to Government for sanction.
- 22. The Working Plan of the Bhiwndi Range, Thana Division, was formally sanctioned by Government and a similar Working Plan (comprising the Vada, Bassein and Mahim Ranges) was prepared by Mr. Millett and is under consideration by the Divisional Forest officers and Revenue officers.
- 23. On completion of the inspection of the Godhra forests mentioned above, Mr. Millett moved to Thána and was engaged in supervising and pushing on the work of marking the Thána coupes on the ground. Up to the commencement of the year under report 150 coupes had been marked out in advance (i. e., in advance of the actual coupes of the year) to which have been added 255 during the past year. This, though so far satisfactory, is still a very slow rate when it is remembered that nearly 9,000 such coupes remain to be demarcated on the ground. I am therefore glad to be able to record that Colonel Hobday, the Superintendent, Forest Survey, has most courteously consented to have this work done pari passu with the survey, so that it may confidently be hoped that the work will now shortly be completed.
- 24. The general scheme of working of the Thána forests was, as Government is aware, adopted rather hurriedy and without the usual preliminary stock-taking and calculation of rate of growth, &c. For these data the Forest officers responsible for the scheme had to rely on the personal working knowledge of the forests, and their contents of themselves and other officers who had been in charge. It is most gratifying therefore to see how the selection of a rotation of 40 years is supported by the diagram published at page 71 in last year's administration report of the Southern Circle. Moreover, the result of the experiments in coppice growth in the Kolába forests (for these forests are very similar in their contents and growth to the majority of the Thána forests) seems to show that the working of these Thána forests for large timber, as was advocated, I believe, by the Inspector General of Forests when he visited Bombay, would have been impossible without a preparatory treatment very much on the lines of that now being followed.

25. The following statement shows the extent to which the Thâna Working Plans have been marked out on the ground:—

• Name of Rauge.	Number of Blocks.	Total Number of . Coupes.	Number of Coupes marked out.	Number of Coupes exploited.	Number of Coupes to be worked in 1895-96.	Number of Coupes marked for future exploitation,	Number of Blocks in which Coupes for future exploitation are laid out,	Number of Coupes yet to be marked out,	Remarks.
East Táhna Dívision.								•	·
Bhiwndi	16 20 53 12	800 640 800 2,120 480 1,360	243 135 119 308 71 249	158 119 104 259 60 180	20 16 15 49 11 34	65    35	20	557 505 681 1,812 409 1,111	. <b>:</b>
West Thána Division.									
Sálsette	23	920 1,400 1,680 760	74 283 523 337 143	63 189 254 295 124	11 23 35 42 19	71 234 	 16 84 	366 637 877 1,343 617	
Total	285	11,400	2,485	1,805	275	405	79	8,915	

26. The following statement shows the employment of time of the Working Plan surveyors:—.

Percentage of time employed in	189	3-94.	1894-95.
Working days (field and office work) Sundays, holidays and leave. Travelling Illness and delays		64 23 10 3	61 21·4 10·1 7·5

27. The details of work done in laying out the coupes for exploitation in the coming season with cost as compared with last year is given in the following statement:—

· · Range.		Number of		Total area of	Define	ed by	Cost.	Average	o Cost.
• Avange.		Blocks.	actually laid out.	Coupes.	- Cairns.	Stones.	0080.	Per Coupe.	Per Acre.
East Tha'na.			•				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p,
Kalyán Bhiwndi Murbád	•••	· 16 20 20	16 20 15	6744 963 <del>1</del> 8214		1,042 1,392 1,590	84 0 6 82 8 0 86 14 0	5 4 0 4 2 0 5 12 8	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Sháhápur Khardi Mokháda Vada		\begin{cases} 53 \\ 12 \\ 34 \end{cases}	49 11 • 34	3,079 <u>‡</u> 665 <u>‡</u> 1,897		4,443 996 3,228	264 5 0 .58 4 3 . 184 11 9	5 6 0 5 4 9 5 6 8	0 1 4 0 1 5 0 1 7
Total		155	145	8,101	478	12,691	760 11 6	5 3 11	0 1 6
West Tha'na					-	ſ	•		
Sálsette		11 23 35 42 19	11 23 35 42 • 19	438 1,157 1,767 1,767 1,2,454 997	216	860 2,331 3,041 3,949 1,617	54 8 6 116 9 9 163 13 6 191 6 0 89 12 6	4 15 6 5 1 1 4 11 11 4 8 5 4 11 7	0 1 11 0 1 7 0 1 6 0 1 3 0 1 5
- Total	• • •	130-	130	6,815	. 448	11,798	616 2 3	5 3 2	0 1 7
Grand Total, 1894-95	•••	285	275	J4,916	926	24,489	1,376 13 9	5 0 1	0 1 6
Total during 1893-94		284	273	14,380	782	22,340	1,227 12 3	4 8 0	0-i-4

#### II.-WORKING OF THE YEAR.

#### (a).—Communications: And Buildings.

28. The expenditure under this head incurred departmentally was Rs. 9,387-0-11 during the year. Details of the work for which this amount was spent are to be found in Form No. 51.

29. The following is a list of works carried out during the year through the agency of the Public Works Department:—

No.	Name of Work.		• Amou expend		
•	ORIGINAL WORKS.		Rs.	a.	p.
	East Thána.		•		
. 1	Providing ceiling and railing to the Range Forest Office at			٠.	
. 2	Bhiwndi Additions and alterations to the Forest Depôt-house at Wangni.	ĺ	83 61	15 12	11 6
•	West Thúna,		•		
3	Constructing (partially) Forest Depôt-house at Gholwad	•	539	6	ľ
	. Total		• 685	2	6

No.	Name of Work		Amount expended.
	Repairs: East Thána.		Rs. a. p.
1· 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Repairs to the Forest Office at Kalyán  Do. do. at Murbád  Do. do. at Khardi  Do. do. at Váda  Do. do. at Bhiwndi  Do. Forest Depôt-house at A'tgaon  Do. do. at Kására  Do. do. at Vásind  Do. do. at Vángni  Do. do. at Vángni		13 5 7 15 7 6 67 14 0 18 0 0 17 13 2 11 15 9 11 4 0 11 15 7 12 12 9
. 10	West Thána.  Repairs to the Forest Office at Bassein	· [	21 7 7
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Do. do. at Salsette (Thána) Do. do. at Mahim Do. Forest Depôt-house at Manor Do. do. at Sávda Do. do. at Pálghar Do. do. at Sanján Do. do. at Wangaon		14 7 6 25 10 0 20 1 2 12 14 0 7 1 2 10 11 10 12 11 0
:	Total  Panch Maháls.	•••	990 14 1
1	Repairs to the Forest Office at Dohad	•••	15 9 0
	Grand Total		1,006 7 1

#### (b).—Protection of Forests from Injury. ·

#### · (1).—General Protection and Breaches of Forest Law.

#### (a). General Protection.

- 30. There has been no change in the scale of Protective Establishment during the year.
- 31. That the protective establishment is short-handed to deal with the multifarious duties required of them has been repeatedly pointed out, and to enlarge on it further would be useless.

#### (b).—Breaches of Forest Law.

32. The following table gives the cases tried by Magistrates during 1893-94. and the present year:—

	• 4.	·	.	189	3-94.	189	4-95.	Percentage	of failures.
No.	. Division	i. :		Prosecu-	Acquittals.	Prosecu-	Acquittals,	1893-94.	1894-95
•								•.	•
1 2 3	East Thána West Thána Surat Panch Maháls		• • •	152 62 2 14	55 31	. 180 49 12 54	65 18 1 10	36·1 50· 	36·1 36·7 8·3
<b>.</b>	Tanch Manais	Total		230	. 89	295	94	38.7	31.8

33. Notwithstanding that the number of offences prosecuted has risen nearly 20 per cent., the number of failures has decreased 7 per cent., which is satisfactory, though, as was pointed out last year, in dealing with such small totals too much importance should not be attached to percentages.

34. The nature of the above 389 offences was as follows:—

•			Offences	relating to ppropriation	the mis-	•	,
No.	Division.	٠.	(a) Timber.	(b) Fire-wood.	(c) Minor Forest Pro- duce.	(d) Other Offences.	Total.
•			• .				
1.	East Thána	· • • •	90	48	18	. 24	180
. 2	West Thána	•••	.37	11	13	6	67
3	Surat	•••	8	i		4.	. 13
4.	Panch Maháls	•••	49	. 3	10	. 2	64
	Total	•••	184	. 63	41	<b>3</b> 6	. 324

35. 1,080 cases were reported as undetected and were classed as follows:—

No.	Division.	Injury t	o Forests	or Appro	nd Minor	Permissi Tracts	without ion or in in which prohibited.	Other C	ffences.	To	tal.
		1893-94	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94,	1894-95.
1 2	East Thána West Thána	234 326	234 134	460 119	419 114			·:·	. 10 3	694 249	663 251
3	Surat Panch Mahals	•••	59 75	27	.31	••••		···	: 	27	. 106
	Total	360	502	606	565			4.	13	970	1,080

36. In the Thána divisions, where there is still a considerable area of land awaiting settlement, offences are brought to the notice of the Revenue officer, who disposes of them under Section 43, Land Revenue Code. The offences thus disposed of during the year as compared with 1893-94 were as follows:—

•		- {	1893-94								1894-95.						
Number.	Division. :		Number of cases.	Fores	ue of f Pro	Acquit-	Convic-		int of	Number of cases.	Fore	ie of st Pro-	Acquit-	Convic- tions.	Amount of Fines.		
				Rs.	a. ;	р.		Rs.	a. p.		Rs.	ø. p.			Rs. a. p.		
1	East Thana		10	50	3	0	10	50	0 6	. 13	118	14 3		13	122 8 6		
2.	West Thana	••,	11	432	8	0	11	598	5 0	12	197	13 0	•••	. 12	200 13 0		
	Total		21	482	11	0	21	648	5 . 6	. 25	316	11 3		. 25	323 5 6		

37. The number of cases prosecuted as compared with that of cases compounded under Section 67 during the year 1893-94 and 1894-95, together with details of the nature of cases compounded during the latter year, are as follows:—

:			TARE	INTO RT.	٠	. d	ompound •	ed unde:	a Section	67 OF 1	THE FOREST	Act.	
		•	•		•					1894	-95.		
No.	Division.	14	1899.04	1894-95.	1893-94.		ences rel nisapprop	ating to riation o	the				
				1001-30,		(a) Timber.	(b) Fire- wood.	(c) Minor Forest Pro- duce.	(d) Other offen- ces.	Total.	Amount o pensati	f Com- ion.	
	:	•	. •				• .	<u> </u>		Rs.	Rs. a	ı. p.	
1 ·	East Thána	•••	212	217	:87	60	55	15	15	145.	1,355	1 9	ŀ
2.	West Thana		84	73	77	71	. 3	58	3	135	492	15 3	Rs. 267-7-0 r mained to recovered the close of the
3	Surat	•••	2	14	7	7	4	2	1	14	23.	13 0	
4	Panch Mahals	•••	18	69	157	123	·17	. 7	10.	157	219	9 · 9	. :
İ	Total	•••	. 316	373	328	. 261	. 79	82	29	451	2,091	7 9	

38. In the following statement the 451 cases compounded during the year are classified according to the amount of compensation accepted in each case as directed in Government Resolution No. 1899, dated 13th March 1891:—

			•			N	m	ber	of	C	ses	in	w	hic	h (	Con	ape	ens	atio	n	wa	IS	fix	ed	at 1	Rupe	es.			•		
Γο,	Division.	. 1	2	3	. 4	5	6	7	s	9	10 1	111	2 1.3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	32	23	24	25	26	31	44	50 ••	53	101	Total
-	<del></del> -	÷	_				-	_	÷		- -	- -	- -	-	-		-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-		•	_		<del></del>			
1.	East Thána	88	14	7	. 6	13	1	1		1	3	1	1 2	1						1	1				•••		1	1		*1	*1*	. 14
2	West Thána	64	.28	17	6	2	2	1	1	1		. :	2 1		1			1	•••	2	. 3				•••				3			1:
3	Surat	3	2	3	- 4	1		[	1			ļ.,	·]						•	:			•••		•••				· :		:	
4	Panch Maháls'	101	27	12	7	3	2	1	1			<u> </u>	.]			1				1			•••	1	•••							1.
Í	. Total	050	71		23.	19	-5	-	3	2	3	1 2	3 3	1	-	-	_	-	_	1	4	-	-	1		<del></del>	_	_		_		45

<sup>\*</sup> The two cases in which compensation was above the prescribed limit represent several offenders,

39. The information required by Government Resolution No. 1899 of 15th March 1891 is furnished in the following statement:—

						•	
No.	Division.	• (	Number of complaints disposed of under Section 67.	Number of cases in which Compensation has been accepted.		Manner in which the appeals have been disposed of.	Remarks.
1 2	East Thána West Thána	•••	145 135	145 135	•••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Besides these, in 10 cases offenders were let off with warning,
3 4	Surat Panch Maháls	••,	14 157	14 · 457	***		
•	Total	•••	451	451	•••	•	

#### (b) (2)—Protection from Fire.

40. The results of the year's fire protection as compared with those of 1893-94 are as follows:—

No.	Division.		placed under - gainst Fire.	Average	burned.		entage ned.
•	• .	1893-94,	1894-95.	1893-94.	189 <b>4</b> -95.	1893-94.	1894-95.
		Acrès.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1 2 3	East Thána West Thána Surat	451,907 247,344 478,237	440,207 323,021 478,873	17,700 6,680 443,747	26,448 3,706 448,614	3·9 2·7. 92·8	6 1·1 93·6
4.	Panch Maháls Total	217,530 1,391,018	213,530 1,455,631	17,276 485,403	499,079	34.9	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$

#### Tha'na.

In West Thana there has been an immense improvement in the percentage of area burnt over, but in East Thána this percentage is even higher than last year. Although the Divisional Forest Officer claims that the increased area shown as burnt is due to correcter reporting, yet after making all allowances it is clear that there has been no improvement. This question of fire protection is a most grave one in Thána. The "coupe" system, as it is popularly called under which the Thána Forests are being worked, is in most ways a complete success. The people are furnished with rab-material and a livelihood, and the revenue remains at a high figure; moreover, the coppice shoots from stools felled promise a fair crop for the next revolution, but it cannot be overlooked that there is a great dearth—too often a total absence—of seedlings to replace the present stools when their reproductive power shall be exhausted. There can be no doubt that mainly, if not entirely, this is due to forest fires. The reserves, especially the areas which have come under the axe during the past 10 years, were fire-traced as usual, but in most instances the only use these traces served was to prevent the fire spreading beyond the limits of the reserves. The fact is, fires only very exeptionally enter the forests from outside, they are almost always kindled inside. In East Thána out of 131 fires no less than 123 commenced inside the reserves. These figures are suggestive, but still more so is the fact that the whole of the Tansa catchment area was burnt from end to end by fires which invariably commenced within it although there is no one living The system of reporting each fire by post card to the Collector as initiated by Mr. Sinclair has been continued with the modification that the post-card is sent to the Assistant Collector of the sub-division instead of to the Collector. All the Assistant Collectors appealed to state that the system is a useful one, but I confess I cannot concur. In the first year possibly the village officers were startled at being asked about fires, but as soon as they realized that that was all, the system, I fear, 'degenerated into 'routine, and has become absolutely harmful as giving an idea that something real is being done, whereas it is not so. The Forest Department have done their best and, I think, I may confidently assert that an immense improvement has been effected; but it would seem that we have reached the best possible which is achievable by us under present conditions, and I have no hesitation in saying it is very far short of what must be achieved if the present working-plans are to be anything more than a trap. The vitality of. the present stools may last out two or even three revolutions, but unless seedlings are produced to replace them as they fail, the ultimate result must be denudation. The present subordinate establishment is admittedly shorthanded and it is possible that an improvement may be obtained by sup. plementing it by a temporary fire protection establishment. It is proposed to try the experiment this year, but I cannot conscientiously state that I have any confidence in its success. Under existing orders the people under one excuse or another have the right to wander unchallenged where they will and, under these conditions, prevention becomes an impossibility with any establishment that we should be justified in employing. I am aware that

it has been urged that forests are too often fired on purpose as a protest against the curtailment of privileges in them, but I confess I cannot believe this. The larger proportion of fires, I think, are, no doubt, purposely started, but the object is either to destroy the cover for wild animals which springs up and continues for 4 or 5 years after a coupe has been made, or in connection with shikar. I am in hopes of inducing the Collector to withdraw all gun licenses within a certain area round every fire that occurs, and this may have some effect; but I fear that unless Government enforce communal responsibility, no real improvement can be hoped for much beyond the point which we have reached. And even this communal responsibility must be one that really touches all the members of the village. Withdrawing the right of grazing, even if it could be enforced, does not touch the Thákur or Kátkari who fires the forests to drive out a sounder of pig to his Náik who waits for them with his matchlock.

#### Surat.

- 42. In the Dángs practically every acre was burnt over, and until forest reserves are placed on a firmer footing, it is absolutely hopeless to fight against this state of affairs which is and has been the normal one in the Dángs for very many years. Until the demarcation has been given full effect to I can hold out little hope of improvement. The executive establishment for some 800 square miles is about 25 men all told. An effort has been made during the last 2 years to protect one or two small areas, of a few thousand acres in all, as an object lesson, by giving turbans to the local Náiks and Patels when fire has been kept out and and has been fairly successful.
- . 43. In Surat proper the forests of the Mandvi Range, which are similar to those in the Dángs, are alone liable to be burnt. These, notwithstanding the figures annually reported, have undoubtedly been almost completely overrun by fire year after year. The areas burnt have been notoriously under-estimated. even last year when special attention was given to this matter the area was only given as 11,000 acres. During the past season Mr. Wallinger gave his special attention to the work of fire protection. The Mandvi forests consist of (1) a large block at the east end of the range, comprising the whole lands of some 12 deserted villages, which is bounded on two sides by Gaikwari territory, and of (2) a number of smaller reserves scattered over the rest of the range. Amongst these smaller reserves at distances of 12 miles or so apart Forest Posts have been built and, at the commencement of the season, a 'Nagara' or large drum was hung up at each of these posts. The arrangement proved most successful. In one case, which came under my observation within half an hour of the beating of the drum, the Divisional Forest Officer, the Assistant Collector, Mr. Wood. I. C. S., and some 40 villagers were at the scene of the fire which was about three miles off, and the fire was got under almost at once. No such system, however, was possible in the large block, which has been annually burnt by fires crossing over the Gaikwari border. Here a fire trace 40 feet wide was cleared of every living thing and was then kept clear of dead leaves, &c., by patrols entertained for the purpose. This trace was 12 miles long and, when I visited it early in March, I found a fire had just reached it from Gaikwari territory but had been successfully stopped. This was evidently the second fire which had traversed the Gaikwari area, the second feeding on the dead leaves which had fallen and. the grass and bamboos which had died since the occurrence of the first fire. Unfortunately it is difficult to get labour and it was found impossible to complete the trace along the whole frontier, with the result that though fire after fire was kept back, yet in May three fires got into the reserve over the untraced portion, and these three fires alone are responsible for no less than 10,500 of the total of 16,500 acres burnt over in this Range during the year. The fact is that this reserve, which has been practically unworked for many years, has become so choked with heavy grass that it was impossible to stop a fire which had once got a hold. It is hoped that the system of fire lines for this reserve will be completed this season. Mr. Wallinger is deserving of sympathy for the unfavourable result I am obliged to record, for he worked very hard and it was only I believe the impossibility of completing the system of traces which prevented his being almost completely successful.

44. I cannot pass on without recording my thanks to Mr. Wood, I.C.S., for the hearty moral support and even personal help in extinguishing fires which he gave to Mr. Wallinger.

#### Panch Maha'ls.

45. The figures in this division show a higher percentage of area burnt over than last year, and Mr. Stewart records that he considers even this area to be under-estimated. The Divisional Forest Officer attributes the poor results of fire protection to want of funds for fire tracing work and the entertainment of special patrols. It hink, however, this cannot be the only cause, for barely one-fourth of the sum provided was actually spent. The fact is, the demarcation and settlement of the forests of the division have only lately been completed, and organization only lately taken in hand. The forests are on flat ground, and protection should not be difficult but can only be successful if methodically undertaken. Mr. Wallinger, who has taken charge of the division, will no doubt make a commencement in the coming season. I would note, however, that the support of the Magistrates is necessary for success. During the season two convictions were obtained in which fines of Re. 1 were inflicted by the Magistrate.

#### (b) (3).—Regulation of Grazing and Protection from Cattle.

46. The following statement gives details of cattle impounded during the year under report:—

No.	Diviŝior	,		From Fore		From e Fore		To	tal.
110,	·			1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.*	1894-95,	1893-94.	1894.95,
1 2 3	East Thána West Thána Surat Panch Maháls	•	6 0 0 6 0 0 6 0 0	230 161 1,070 661	154 351 1,055 1,111	2,086 1,280 1,869 1,980	1,922 1,750 1,359 2,837	2,316 1,441 2,939 2,641	2,076 2,101 2,414 3,948
		Total	•*••	2,122	2,671	7,215	7,868	9,337	10,539

It will be seen that the numbers differ but slightly from those of last year.

47. The grazing regulations were in force in the Panch Maháls and Surat (exclusive of the Dángs), but only in certain selected ranges of the 2 Thána divisions. The number of cattle impounded in Thána bears no proportion to the number which were allowed to graze illicitly in coupes, as I can bear witness from the damage which came under my notice during my tour; but pounds are so far apart and the establishment so short-handed, that no doubt the impounding of trespassing cattle, at all times a difficult task, is shirked.

#### Fencing.

48. No new fencing was undertaken during the year except in Surat, where the Vejalpor nursery was fenced and some enclosures for stacking bamboos made at the Waghai Depôt in the Dángs. A few necessary repairs were executed in all divisions. The total expenditure amounted to:—

				Rs.		
West Thána		•••		152	. 3	0
East Thána	***		•••	94	0	0
Surat	***	***		707	0	6
Panch Maháls	•••	***	•••	21;	15	40
				<del></del>		
:		Tota	ıl	975	2	10

#### Civil Suits.

49. The appeal to the High Court by the Isáfatdár of A'mgaon, referred to in para. 68 of last year's report, was decided in favour of Government, though not for the full amount claimed, as large deductions were allowed to the Isáfatdár as working expenses and cost of protection.

#### Criminal Cases.

- 50. A (substitute) forest guard was convicted with striking a forest offender, who ran away, on the back of the head and causing his death. He was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for five years.
- 51. A round guard in Surat division was found guilty of fraud in connection with a free grant of wood, but was acquitted on appeal to the Session Judge. He was, however, dismissed after departmental enquiry.
- 52. The Forest guards Gorav Bhika and Dewra Sukaria of the Dángs establishment were convicted by the Assistant Political Agent, Khándesh, of taking bribes. They were dismissed and declared ineligible for re-employment under Government in any capacity.

#### (c).--Improvement of Forest Growth.

#### Natural Reproduction.

based in Salaral reproduction is reported by all Divisional Forest Officers as having been fair during the year, but this must be merely taken to mean that it was up to the average and was not interfered with by scanty rainfall, &c. From observations recorded by almost all Divisional Forest Officers, and from my personal observations, I can record that natural reproduction is nothing like what it should be owing to the annual fires. In the Panch Maháls the seed reproduction of teak is normally magnificent. I have never seen anything like it even in Kánara, but the young seedlings are scorched year after year and either killed outright or where they escape are hopelessly ruined. I have seen as many as 3 dead sticks standing up from one stool representing three consecutive annual efforts of the stool to become a tree. In the Dángs Mr. Wallinger reports that seedlings are totally wanting, and from the record of these forests this could only be expected, and Mándvi, as I can testify, is nearly as bad. In both the Thána divisions the coppice reproduction in the coupes is very generally satisfactory, but as I have recorded elsewhere there are but few, if any, seedlings coming on to replace the stools when their vitality shall be exhausted, and again the principal, if not only, cause is fire. Immediately after the rains the coupes are carpeted with seedlings, but all but a very small—an ominously small—proportion are destroyed by fire before April.

#### (2).—Artificial Reproduction.

- 54. Artificial reproduction, so far as regular plantations go, have little place in the Forestry of the Northern Circle.
- 55. In the Thána divisions an attempt was made to assist nature in the coupes by broad-casting and filling in blanks, but the conditions which handicap natural reproduction are still more fatal to these cultural operations.
- 56. In Surat, Tithál plantation has given fair results and the experiment of planting out Casuarina, from a nursery, on the sea-shore above high water mark is being continued. The Vejalpor nursery was kept up and supplied a large number of transplants of Casuarina and of teak, which latter were planted out in the coupes with fair success, and other small nurseries were started at Waghai, Mandvi, Delwada and Gandeva.
- 57. In the Panch Maháls some 125 acres in several places were ploughed and sown with bibhui. It is too early to brand these attempts as failures, but as usual with these plantations made in the open the seedlings disappeared in the hot weather. An old plantation at Wávdi although wire-fenced and fire-traced was burnt over.

#### (3).—Early Thinnings.

58. No such operations were carried out in this Circle.

#### FORM No. 59.

#### FOREST DEPARTMENT, NORTHERN CIRCLE.

Account of Timber and other Produce cut or collected by Government Agency and brought to Sale Depôts or sold locally during the year 1894-95.

			TOTAL OB	SACH HEAD		37 1		TOTAL OF E	ACH HBAD
Particulars,	Number or Quantity.	Cubic feet.	Number or Quantity.	Cubic. feet,	Particulars.	Number #I Quantity.	Cubic feet.	Number or Quantity,	Cubic feet.
				TIM	BER,				
Balance at the commencement of the year.					Sold locally.				
East Thána Timber pieces mixed	24	72	24	72	Teak pieces, including beams, &c.	21,596	61,096		••
West Thana.   Teak pieces	560	1,680	641	1.000	Do. rafters and poles	60,940 135	67,405 334	::	•••
/Teak pieces, including	2,637	245 11,471		1,925	Junglewood pieces and rafters Teak pieces used for fencing	3,826 179	4,930 537	86,676	194 000
beams, &c. Teak rafters	7,000	7,745	**		Bulance at the close of the year.			80,010	134,33
Junglewood pieces Timber pieces of Kilgi	141	833 278	::	**	(Wimber niege	154	462		
Surat Do. of Bondara .	11 43	292 628	**	**	East Thána { mixed.			154	462
Do. of Haladvan Do. of Kanti	16	277 322	::	••		204	1 100		
Do. of Beo Do. of Khair	15	298 117	**	••	West Thana. Teak pieces  Yest Thana. Junglewood	384 99	1,152 297	.:	••
Do. of Sissum Do. of Tanach	116	17 105	::	* *	( pieces.			483	1,419
			10,015	21,883	(Teak pieces	206	4,613		
Panch Mohale Teak pieces, including beams.	β5	289	•••	••	Surat Mixed T i m b er		333		••
Panch Mahals. Teak rafers and poles Junglewood pieces	349 113	412 85	557	786	process			338	4,946
Co angronous proces					(Teak pieces in-	571	1,204	1	
Total Balance		• •	11,237	24,666	cluding beams. Teak pieces, raf-	2,351	2,134		
					Panch Maháls ters and poles. Junglewood	165	97		••
Received from Forests in Depôt.	10.644	E5 169			pieces, rafters, &c.				# 40c
Teak pieces, including beams, logs, &c Teak rafters and poles Mixed Timber pieces	19,644 55,942 397	55,162 61,382 1,087	**					3,087	3,435
Junglewood pieces and rafters	3,518	2,327	79,501	119,958				90,738	144,634
Total Timber			90,732	144,624					,
	<u> </u>			FIRE	WOOD,		<del></del>	·	
Balance in hand at the commencement	Khandis,			FIRE	WOOD,				
of the year.  West Thana	8	100		**	Sold during the year,				
Panch Mahals	119	5,355	127	5,455	East Thána Cart-loads West Thána Khandies	10	450 100	10	••
Received during the year.		***			Surat Cart-loads Panch Maháls Khandies	1641 4,125	2,796 185,690	::	* **
East Thána	10 87	450 1,479	::	••					189,036
Pauch Maháls Khandies	4,589	1,317 206,525	**	**	Balance at the close of the year.		•		
				209,771	Pahch Mahade Khandies	542	29,190	Khandies,	
								542	26,190
Tatal Firewood .		**.		215,226	ļ				215,226
		•		BAM	BOOS.				
Received during the year.	Nos.				Sold during the year,				
Surat	1,690		1,690		Surat Bamboos	1,690		1,690	
Delenas of the alone of the co	**			SE	EDS.				
Balance at the close of the year.  East Thána	K, M, lbs.		K. m. lbs.		Used during the year,	K, m. lbs.			
East Thána	47 15 1 3 19 13	::	51 6 14	::	East Thána Panch Maháls	85 23 21 10 24 18	::		• ::
Received during the year,			07 0 14	**	Balance at the close of the year.	)			!
East Thána	59 21 141 14 8 8	**			Rast Thána	21 13 13		•	· • · ·
•			74 1 221		Panch Maháls	7 3 3			K. m. lb
	(		ļ		1	<del></del>		-} • • •	125 8 8
Total			125 8 8		<b>\</b>		••		
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## FORM No. 58.

## FOREST DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY, NORTHERN CIRCLE.

Outturn of Minor Forest Produce.

					Рвопу	CE RUMOVE	D OR UT	LLIZED.			
Divi- sion.	Description of Produce.	By Gove	ernment	By Purc	hasers.	By Free-g	rants.	By Right	-holders.	Tot	al.
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
(	Myrabolams		***		1,005.	***	•••	•••	•••		1,005
	Karvi Cart-loads.	***	***	781	196	* *** .	•••	•••	•••	781	196
ina.	Do Head-loads.	***	PR	. 232	7	•••	•••	***	•••	232	7
East Thina.	Thorns Cart-loads	•••	***	51	48	•••	•••	•••	***	51	48
Ea	Apta, Tembhurni Leaves and Beheda nuts	***	***	***	J <b>,</b> 560	•••	•••	•••	•••		1,560
į	Miscellaneous	***	•••	•••	12		***	***	•••		12
	Total			•••	2,828	***		•••	•••	•••	2,828
ŗ	Limestones Cart-loads.	***	***	6	6		•••	•••	***	6	6
18.	Thorns Head-loads.		***	64	39		•••		***	64	39
West Thans.	Sale of leaves and fruits of Toddy palms	•••		•••	• 1,984			•••	•••		1,984
A	Karvi Head-loads.	•••	•••	4,604	828					4,604	828
(	Do Cart-loads.		•••	1,786						1,786	
•	Total		•••		2,857	•••					2,857
ſ	Asbindra leaves Bundles			1,247,575	79	•••	•••	•••		1,247,575	79
	Date palm trees and leaves	•••	***	•••	15			***	•••	•••	15.
	Karanj seeds Maunds	***		63	4				****	63	4
Surat.	Moho flowers Do	***	***	3,814	238	•••	•••		***	3,814	238
Sa	Right of collecting Mhowra	***	***	• • •	600			•••	•••		600
	Reeds and Chhaj grass, Carts		***	1,101	370	•••		•••	•••	1,301	370
	Different kinds of bamboo articles. Nos	***	***	59,620	899	•••		•••	••	59,620	899
Ų	Miscellaneous	***	***	•••	18	***	•••	•••	•••	•••	18
	Total	***		***	2,223						2,223
. (-	Mhowra flowers		***		1,092	***			***		1,492
pals	Thorns Cart-loads	***		6	1	•••				6	1
Ma	Sand Do.	•••	**	62	15	***	***	•••	•••	62	15
Panch Mahals.	Kankar Do.	***		31	15				•••	31	15
" (	Miscellaneous		•••		19	•••		•••	***		19
-	Total		***	***	1,142	***	•		***		1,142
	Grand Total		•••	4	9,050	148	•••	•	• • • •	•••	9,050

Bándra, 24th October 1895.

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### FORM No. 60.

### FOREST DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY, NORTHERN CIRCLE.

Abstract showing the Value of Timber and other Produce at Sale Depôts for the year 1894-95.

•	On hyad	AT COMMENC	CEMENT OF	ON HAND	AT CLOSE OF	THE YEAR.		BENCE IN	
Description of Timber and other produce.	Number.	Cubic feet.	Value,	• Number.	Cubic feet.	Value,	Infavour of the year.	Against the year.	REMARKS.
East Thána.  Miscellaneous seeds  Mixed timber pieces	Kh. Mds. lbs. 47 15 1	72	Rs 5	Kh. Mds. 1bs. 21 13 13 · 154	462	Rs 32	•••		
Total	• • •	•••	5	•••	• • •	. 32	. 27	•••	
West Thana.  Teak pieces	81	1,680 245 100	200 · 40 2	. 384 	1,152 297	100 40	***	100	
Total	649	2,023	242	483	1,449	140		102	
Surat.									•
Teak pieces including beams rafters, &c Junglewood pieces	9,637	19,216 2,667	14,000 525	206 132	4,613 333	3,500 50	•••	•••	
Total	10,025	21,883	14,525	338	4,946	4,000		••••	
Panch Maháls.  Teak pieces including beams Teak rafters and poles Junglwood trees do. pieces do. rafters Firewood khandis  Miscellaneous seeds	349 113 119 Kh. Mds. lbs.	289 412 . 85 . 5,355	91 77  40  25	571 2,351 11 19 135 582 Kh. Mds. lbs. 7 3 3	1,204 2,134 16 .14 .67 26,190	350	592  325 		
Grand Total	•••	•••	15,005		***	5,322	. 944	10,627	

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## FORM No. 60A.

## FOREST DEPARTMENT, NORTHERN CIRCLE.

## Abstract showing Value of Live and Dead Stock for the year 1894-95.

	ON HAT COMMENCE THE Y	EMENT OF	ON HAND OF THE		Differ Val		• Remarks.
Description of Live and Dead Stock.	No.	Value.	No.	Value,	In favour of the year:	Against the year.	REMARKS.
Direction.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Office tent	1	420 408		.420 428	•••	/	
Total	•••	828	• • •	848	20	•••	
East Thána.				•			
Office tent Small routies Freat coats Cools, plants and office furniture Tansa Forest Bungalow	1 2 201 .	433 186 1,309 930 1,871	1 2 	433 186 1,030 1,871	4	•••	•
Forest Depôt-houses—  Vásind	1 1 1	1,173 1,061 1,173 1,061	1 1 1	1,178 1,061 1,173 1,061	•••		
Total	•••	9,197	•••	7,988	•••	1,209	,
West Thána.				•			
Parel Bungalow  Forest Depôt-house at Mándvi  Do. Mánikpur  Forest stations  Forest posts  Forest Depôt-house at Pálghar  Do. Manor  Do. Sewta  Do. Sanján  Do. Wangaon  Office tent  Small routies  Great coats  Tools, plant and office furniture	1 1 38 82 1 1 1 226	1,200 250 603 570 840 1,083 1,083 1,083 1,053 433 94 1,359 2,480	1 1 38 82 1 1 1 1 1 2 185	1,200 250 603 570 840 1,083 1,083 1,083 1,053 433 166 1,112 2,480			
Total	•••	13,214		13,039	·	175	
Surat.  Mándvi Bungalow Office tent Andhátri Bungalow Dhadavda do Tárápur do Large Bungalow at Wághai Small do. do Large Bungalow at Pimpri Do. at Garvi Small do Great coats	 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 65	433 291 80 100 } 1,039 499 1,012 288 455	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 65	1,800 433 291 80 100 } 1,099 499 1,012 288 455			• •

## FORM No. 60A.

# FOREST DEPARTMENT, NORTHERN CIRCLE. Abstract showing Value of Live and Dead Stock for the year 1894-95.

•	ON HA	EMENT OF	ON HAND	AT CLOSE YEAR,	DIFFERI VAL		•
Description of Live and Dead Stock.	No.	Value,	No.	Yalue,	In favour of the year;	Against the year.	Ræmarks.
Direction.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Office tent Cools, plant and office furniture	1	420 408	1	.420 428	•••	··.	
Total		828	***	848	20		•
East Thána.				. ,			
Office tent Small routies Freat coats	1 2 201 .	433 186 <b>1,</b> 309	1 2 	433 <b>1</b> 86	*** ***	•••	
Cools, plants and office furniture Cánsa Forest Bungalow	11	930 1,8 <b>71</b>		1,030 1,871	•••	***	
Forest Depôt-houses— Vásind A'tgaon Vángni Kására	1 1 1 1	1,173 1,061 1,173 1,061	1 1 1	1,173 1,061 1,173 1,061	•••	•••	٠
Total	• • •	9,197	•••	7,988	•••	1,209	•
West Thána.							
Parel Bungalow  Forest Depôt-house at Mándvi  Do. Mánikpur  Forest stations  Forest posts  Forest Depôt-house at Pálghar  Do. Manor  Do. Sewta  Do. Sanján  Do. Wangaon  Do. Wangaon  Dosfice tent  Small routies  Freat coats  Fools, plant and office furniture	1 1 38 82 1 1 1 1 1 226	1,200 250 603 570 840 1,083 1,083 1,083 1,053 433 94 1,359 2,480	1 38 82 1 1 1 1 1 2 185	1,200 250 603 570 840 1,083 1,083 1,083 1,053 433 166 1,112 2,480			•
$f Total \dots$	•••	13,214		13,039		175	
Surat.  Mándvi Bungalow Office tent Andhátri Bungalow Dhadavda do Tárápur do Large Bungalow at Wághai Small do. do Large Bungalow at Pimpri Do. at Garvi Small do	 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 65	433 291 80 100 } 1,039 499 1,012 288 455	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 65	1,800 433 291 80 100 } 1,099 499 1,012 288 455			· ·

FORM No. 60A—continued.

	MBNCEME	DAT COM- ST OF THE		AT CLOSE YEAR.		ENCE IN	
Description of Live and Dead Stock,	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	In favor of the year.	Against the year.	REMARKS.
	•	Rs.	•	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	•
. Surat—continued.					•		
Gandiva Post Sarowar Bungalow Mheskatri do Tools, plant and office furniture	· 1 1 1	61° 2,379 1,500 1,747	1 1 1	61 2,379 1,500 3,170	****		
Total		9,944	6 2 0	13,167.	3,228		
Panch. Maháls.	<del></del>				•		
Rest-houses and depôts Bungalow at Godhra Office tent Great coats Tools, plant and office furniture	45 1 110 	2,525 8,200 433 717 1,356	29 1 1 110 	1,112 8,200 433 717 1,421	•••	•••	· · · · · ·
Total	• ∰•	13,231	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11,883	•••	1,348	•
Working-Plans.							•
Office tent Tools, plant and office furniture	1.	85 422	1	85 422	• • •	***	
Total		507	. 4:4-	. 507	•••	•••	•

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Rándra, 24th October 1895.

## FORM No. 61. FOREST DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY, NORTHERN CIRCLE.

Summary of Revenue and Expenditure of the different Divisions for the Forest year 1894-95 (July 1894 to June 1895).

Budget Heads.	Direction.	East Thána Division.	West Thána Division.	Surat Division.	Panch Maháls Division.	Working Plans Division.	Bombay Forest Survey.	Total from July 1894 to June 1895.
· REVENUE.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a, p.	Rs. a. p.
I.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Government Agency—	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		and the first	105. a. p.		ies, a. p.	ns. a, p.	Ivs. a. p.
a. Timber	******	108 12 3	80 4 0		9,971 9 9	***	*****	46,360 1 1
b. Firewood and charcoal c. Bamboos	*****	1 13 0	<b>6</b> 9 <b>5</b> 15 9	66 0 0 20 8 0	)	d		3,095 7 9
d. Sandalwood	*****	*****	*****	20 0 0	••••••	******	*****	27 0 0
e. Grass and other minor produce	*****	*** ***	15 10 0			*1****	*****	15 10 0
Total, I	*****	110 9 3	791 13 9	36,285 15	12,307 4 9			49,495 10 10
II.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Consumers or Purchasers—			•					
a. Timber		1,97,914 8 0	3,27,479 6 9	15,445 12 6	54,704 11 3	3		5,95,544 6 6.
b. Firewood and charcoal	1	1,010 11 7	3,690 14 1	400 15	1,915 15	Ų·	•	7,018 8 1
d. Grazing and fodder grass	1	567 11 6 $2,974 5 6$	19,027 11 3 13,098 10 0	9,816 5 1 1,716 2 (	1,753 5 9 7,345 13	al .	*****	31,165 1 9. 25,134 14 9
e. Other minor produce	1	<b>2</b> ,828 11 0	2,857 0		1,142 15	3	•••••	9,051 3 11
f. Forest stamps	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11111	*****	*****		****	••••	******
g. Other items	******	******	*****	*****		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	*****	***
Total, II	*****	2,05,295 15 7	3,66,153 11 (	29,601-11	,'66,86 <b>2</b> 12 10		•	6,67,914 3 0
III.—Drift and Waif Wood and confiscated Fores		884 8 10	586 <b>2</b>	455 15	. 108 7	3 •		<b>2</b> ,035 <b>1</b> 10
Total, III		884 8 10	586 • 2	455 15	108 7	3	*****	· 2,035 1 io
IV.—Revenue from Forests not managed by Govern						•		
ment—	[	•						
a. Duty on foreign timber and other fores	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •							, '
b. Revenue from shared and private forests	•	3,290 5 10	114 3	5 1	6 0	0	*** ***	3,415 10 8
Total, IV		3,290 5 10	114 3	5 1	6 0	0		3,415 10 8
V.—Miscellaneous—								
a. Fines and forfeitures		2,492 10 8	1,948 7		264 13	0	••••	4,717 4 8
b. Refunds		0 12 11	12 9 10		54 0	9 .0 0.	*****	593 15 5
c. Other sources	0 14 6	4,479 14 5	4,172 11 10	806 15	1,041 12	5 6 0	*****	10,507 10 3
· Total, V	. 4 11 8	6,973 6 0	6,133 12	851 1	1,360 10	1 14 6 0		15,818 14 4
Grand Total, Revenue •.	4 11 8	2,16,554 13 6	3,73,779 11	67,199 12 8	80,645 2 1	1 14 6 0	******	7,38,679 8 8

EXPENDITURE.  A.—Conservancy and Works.  I.—Timber and other Produce removed from Forests by Government Agency—  a. Timber		36 8 0 36 8 0 2,486 2 0 2,486 2 0 23 15 6	63 1 0 178 4 0  241 5 0 6,155 14 8 6,155 14 8	12,358 9 8 41 13 6  12,400 7 2  2,890 5 1  2,890 5 .1  23 11 9  23 11 9	430 15 4 0 13 0  431 12 4 768 4 8 768 4 8 768 4 8		 12,889 2 0 220 14 6  13,110 0 6 12,329 0 5 12,329 0 5 95 7 9 95 7 9	
Total, A II  IV.—Revenue from Forests not managed by G  ment—  a. Duty on foreign timber and other	overn- forest	23 15 6	42 12 6				 ***	45
b. Revenue from shared and private fore  Total, A I  V.—Rent of leased Forests and payments to share in Forests managed by Government  Total, A	holders			18,198 13 2 18,198 13 2			 18,927 12 9	
VI.—Live Stock, Stores, Tools and Plant—  a. Purchase of cattle b. Feed and keep of cattle c. Purchase of stores, tools and plant  Total, A  Carried over Total of Heads A I to A		109 8 0 109 8 0 3,385 1 1	81 5		239 3 3 239 3 3 1,444 4 3	_	 630 9 9 630 9 9 45,092 15 2	

Budget Heads.	Direction.	East Thána Division.	West Thána Division.	Surat Division,	Panch Maháls Division.	Working Plans Division.	Bombay Forest Survey.	Total Forest year 1894-95.
		•					•	
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Ra a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Brought over Total of Heads A I, to A VI .	48 14 0	3,385 1 · 1	6,521 5 2	33,693 6 8	1,444 4 3	•	•	45,092 15 2
EXPENDITURE—continued.		•.						
A Conservancy and Works-continued.			•		£		·	
VII.—Communications and Buildings— .		•	•					
1 D=1132	4++ 800 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	542 11 0	490,9 0.	1,055, 2 6 6,637 8 11 705 10 0	661 1. 6 42 5 6	******	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1,055 2 6 8,331 14 5 747 15 6
Total, A VII .		542 11 0	490 9 0	8,398 5 5	703 7 0.	***	• • • • • •	10,135 0 5
VIII.—Organization, Improvement, and Extension of Forests—	n	•	,				•.	
c. Surveys d. Working-plans e. Sowing and planting f. Protection from fire	******	195 13 9 4,791 1 10 A25 11 11 544 0 0 373 15 0 1,476 6 3 94 0 0	68 3 0 2,254 3 6 13 1 9 491 12 6 586 12 10 2,141 2 6 152 3 0	811 7 3  522 7 2 1,031 5 7 1,459 0 9 707 0 6	2,282 1 6 , 48 2 6 , 1 6 0 , 465 5 6 , 600 6 8 , 63 4 0 , 21 15 4	7,111 1 11	B11,219 2 7	3,357 9 6 7,093 7 10 11,259 6 3 9,134 11 6 2,592 7 8 5,139 13 6 975 2 10
Total, A VIII .	***	7,501 0 9	5,707 7 1	4,531 5 8	3,482 9 1	7,111 1 11	11,219 2 7	39,552 11 1
IX.—Miscellaneous—					•	,		
a. Law charges b. Other ckarges	*******	91 · 8 · 0 · 1,529 · 1 · 2	6 14 6 -695 13 1	732 15 6	515 7 10	******	*****	98 6 6 2,081 11 11
· Total, A IX	•••••	1,620 9 2	-688·14 7	732 15 6	515 7 10	•••••	11,219 2 7	2,180 1 1I
Total.—Conservancy and Works	. 48 14 0	13,049 6 0	12,030 6 8•	47,356 1 3	6,145 12 2	7,111 1 11	••••	96,960 12 7

Budget Heads.	Direction.	East Thána Division.	West Thána Division.	Surat Division.	Panch Maháls Division.	Working Plans Division.	Bombay Forest Survey.	Total Forest year . 1894-95,
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	$\mathbf{Rs}$ , $\mathbf{a}$ , $\mathbf{p}$ .	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs a p.	Rs. a. p
Brought over Total of Heads A I, to A VI	48 14 0	3,885 1 · 1	6,521 5 2	83,69 <b>3 6 8</b>	1,444 4 3		•••••	45,092 15
EXPENDITURE—continued.	·	٠.						
A Conservancy and Works-continued.		•	•				·	
III.—Communications and Buildings—		-				;		
a. Roads and bridges b. Buildings c. Other works	1 1	542 11 0	4909 0.	1,055 . 2 6 6,637 . 8 11 705 10 0	661 1. 6 42 5 6	*****	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,055 2 8,331 14 747 15
Total, A VII	••••	542 11 0	490 9 0	8,398 5 5	703 7 0.	***		10,135 0
7III.—Organization, Improvement, and Extension of Forests—		•		•	. ,		. ,	•
a. Demarcation	1 *** ***	195 13 9	68 3 0	811 7 3	2,282 1 6	•••••	******	3,357 9
b. Cost of settlements; compensation fo land and rights	[.	4,791 1 10	2,254 3 6	******	48 2 6	*** ***	•,•••	7,093 7 1
c. Surveys	1 1	$fA25 \ 11 \ 11 \ 544 \ 0 \ 0$	13 1 9 491 12 6	522 7 7	1 6 0 465 5 6	7,111 1 11	B11,219 2 7	11,259 6 9,13 <b>4</b> 11
e. Sowing and planting	1	· 373 15 0	586 12 104	1,031 5 7	<b>4</b> 65 5 6 <b>6</b> 00 6 <b>3</b>	4,1,11 , 1 11	*****	2,592 7
f. Protection from fire	1 1	<b>1,</b> 476 6 3	2,141 2 6	1,459 0. 9	63 4 0	******	*****	5,139 13
g. Other works		94 0 0	152 3 0	707 0 6	- 21 15 <b>4</b>	*****		. 975 <b>2</b> :
• Total, A VIII		7,501 0 9	• 5,707 7 1	4,531 5 .8	3,482 9 1	7,111 1 11	11,219 2 7	39,552 11
X.—Miscellaneous—			•					
a. Law charges	, , :	91 8 0	6 14 6		•			98 6
b. Other charges	******	1,529 1 2	-695 13 1	732 15 6	515 7 10	******	41111	2,081 11 1
· Total, A IX		1,620 9 2	-688·14 7	732 15 6	515 7 10		11,219 2 7	2,180 1 1
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Total.—Conservancy and Works	48 14 0	13,049 6 0	12,030 6 8•	4 <b>7</b> ,356 1 <b>3</b>	6,145 <b>12 2</b>	7,111 1 11	••••	96,960 12

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B.—ESTABLISHMENT.			[		[	1	1 ,	
a. Conservators b. Superior Officer c. Subordinate Forest and Depôt Es	tablish	10.797 0 11	 14,109 13 6	12,860 · 9 <b>4</b>	6,247 10 7	7,500 0 0	4,009 13 11	55,525° O 3°
d. Official Establishments e. Deputation and Special Allowances f. Exchange Compensation Allowance	•••	3,784 10 8	26,593 11 6 3,135 15 6 1,601 0 4	20,806 8 8 3,102 14 0 503 3 6 1,213 12 9	7,621 13 4 2,296 3 1  792 2 4	11,615 0 2 2,186 12 5 	1,027 13 11	66,637 1 8 15,534 5 7 503 3 6
Total, 1	BI	16:699 10 70	45,440 8 10	38,487 0 3	16,957 13 4	1,379 9 6 22,681 6 I	5,805 3 10	7,796 2 2 1,45,995 13 2
II.—Travelling Allowances—  a. Conservators  b. Superior Officers  c. Subordinate Forest and Depôt Est	tablish	1 0 404 " 1	2,884 1 <b>2</b> 5	3,061 6 7	1,605 1 5	1,819 14 .0	1,088 8 0	12,883 15 5
d. Office Establishments	•••	1967 0 0	1,005 11 7° 953 <b>3</b> 6	890 11·11 910 1 9	944 8 0 876 14 5	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	407 3 0	3,515 1 10 5,225 3 5
Total, B  **III:—Contingencies**	II	3,809 7 9	4,843 11 6	4,862 4 3	3,426 7 10	3,186 10. 4	1,495 11 0 ,	21,624 4 8
<ul> <li>a. Stationery</li> <li>b. Carriage of Tents and Records</li> <li>c. Rents, Rates and Taxes</li> <li>d. Pay of Police Guards</li> </ul>		<b>4</b> 80 0 0	422 11 4 291 13 10 282 8 9	309 2 3 218 1 6 156 7 8	246 9 3 303 11 3 133 15 4	221 0 5 79 3 0	3 8 0 43 10 0 60 0 0	1,273 9 9 1,39 <b>2</b> 15 <b>8</b> 1,112 15 9
f. Sundries Payments to officers of other Provinces	••••	215 6 0	982 12 6 310 11 8	638 15 6 499 9 4	42 <b>2</b> 0 9 339 2 2	386 13 4 138 7 4	5 4 0 78 <b>3</b> 3	2,651 4 1 • 1,671 11 10 3,247, 14 0
Total, B I		4,776 0 8	2,290 10 1	1,822 4 3	1,445 6 9	825 8 1	•• 190 9 3	11,350 7 1
Total B.—Establishmer	nts'	25, <b>2</b> 09 5 3	5 <b>2,</b> 574 14 <b>5</b>	45,171 8 9	21,829 11 11	26,693 8 6	7,491 8 1	1,78,970 8 11
Grand Total of Expenditu		25,258 3 3	65,624 4 5	57,201 15 5	69,185 13 2		14,602 10 0 11,219 2	7 2,75,931 5 6

A—Amounts of wages paid to Flag-holders by the Superintendent, Konkan Revenue Survey, adjusted in this office accounts for July 1894 to June 1895, on receipt of bills.

	<u>·</u>		•				
	, · •		Financial year 1894-95	Deduct April 1894 to June 1894.	Total 9 months.	Add April 1895 to June 1895.	Total Forest year.
West Thána East Thána		 •••	Rs. a. p. 10,590 13 9 1,200 7 4	Rs. a. p.  2,843 11 2 -1,200 7 4	Rs. a. p. 7,747 2 7	Rs. a. p. 3,472 0 0	Rs. a. p
•	Total		11,791 5 1	4,044 2 6	7,747 2 7	· 3,472 0 0	11,219 2 7

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B.—ESTABLISHMENT.				ſ	1	1	
a. Conservators b. Superior Officer c. Subordinate Forest and Depôt Establish	10.797 0 11	14,109 13 6	12,860 · 9 <b>4</b>	6,247 10 7	7,500 0 0	4,009 13 11	FF FO F! O: 0!
d. Official Establishments e. Deputation and Special Allowances f. Exchange Compensation Allowance	3,784 10 8	26,593 11 6	20,806 8 8 3,102 14 0 503 3 6 1,213 12 9	7,621 13 4 2,296 3 1  792 2 4	11,615 0 2 2,186 12 5  1,379 9 6	1,027 13 11 767 8 0	. 15,534 5 7 . 503 3 6
Total, BI	16;623 12 10	45,440 8 10	38,487 0 3	16,957 13 4	22,681 6 1	5,805 3 10	14,000, 10
II.—Travelling Allowances—  a. Conservators  b. Superior Officers  c. Subordinate Forest and Depôt Establish	2 121 5 0	2,884 12 5	3,061 6 7	 1,605 1 5	1,819 14 .0	1,088 8 0	11.000.15
d. Office Establishments	1,385 2 9	1,005 11 7° 953 <b>3</b> 6	890 11·11 910 1 9	944 8 0 876 14 5	674 2 0 692 10 0	407 3 0	F 00 - 0 -
•	. 3,809 7 9	4,843 11 6	4,862 4 3	3,426 7 10	3,186 10. 4	1,495 11 0	21,624 4 8
a. Stationery b. Carriage of Tents and Records c. Rents, Rates and Taxes d. Pay of Police Guards e. Official Postage f. Sundries	70 10° 6 456 8 1 480 0 0  215 6 0 305 10 1	422 11 4 291 13 10 282 8 9 	309 2 3 218 1 6 156 7 8  638 15 6	246 9 8 303 11 3 133 15 4 	221 0 5 79 3 0 	3 8 0 43 10 0 60 0 0	1,273 9 9 1,392 15 8 1,112 15 9
Payments to officers of other Provinces	3,247 14 0	* ****	499 9 4	339 2 2	138 7 4	78 3 3	• 1,671 11 10
Total, B III	4,776 0 8	2,290 10 1	1,822 4 3	1,445 6 9	825 8 1	* 190 9 3	11,350 7 1
Total B.—Establishments	25,209 5 3	52,574 14 5	45,171 8 9	21,829 11 11	26,693 8 6	7,491 8 I	1,78,970 8 11
	25,258 3 3	65,624 4 5	57,201 15 5	69,185 13 2	1	14,602 10 0 11,219	2 7 2,75,931 5 6
A—Amounts of wages paid to Flag-holde	s by the Superint	endent, Konkan Reve	nue Survey, adjuste	d in this office accor	unts for July 1894 t	o Unio 1905 or receipt of h	311-1

	•		Financial year 1894-95	Deduct April 1894 to June 1894.	Total 9 months.	Add April 1895 to June 1895.	Total Forest year.
West Thána East Thána		•	Rs. a. p. 10,590 13 9 1,200 7 4	Rs. a. p. 2,843 11 2 -1,200 7 4	Rs. a. p.	Rs. s. p. 3,472 0 0	Rs. s. p.
	Total		11,791 5 1	4,044 2 6	7,747 2 7	· 3,472 0 0	11,219 2 7

FORM No. 62.

FOREST DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY, NORTHERN CIRCLE,

Annual Account Current for the Forest Year 1894-95.

					,
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		· Rs. a. p.	.Rs. a. ·p.
'o Opening Balance		248 10 3	l. Refunds and Drawbacks—Refunds— Divided Heads, Forest	2,364 9 0	·
VIII. Assessed Taxes—Income Tax— Deductions by Government from			Income Tax	8 6 7	2,372 15 7
Salaries and Pensions IX. Forest (as per Summary)	, ,,,,,,	2,567 8 9 7,38,679 8 8	11. Fórest (as per Summary)		2,78,774 10 2
XII. Interest—			19. Law and Justice—		•
· Interest on Arrears of Revenue		*****	Jails, District Jails, Contingencies		•,•••
XXII. Receipts in aid of Superannuation Bengal Military Fund—		•	32. Miscellaneous—		
Bengal Military Orphan Fund.	* *****	******	Miscellaneous Refunds— Refund of lapsed Deposits		2 0 0
XXIII. Stationery and Printing-	•		Revenue Deposits (Forests)		55,615 5 9
Stationery Receipts— Sale-proceeds of Stationery Boxes.		******	Cheques and Bills (Forests cheque cancelled)		1,484 2 5
• Other Press Receipts— Government Central Press	•••••		Advances Recoverable— Forest Advances	. 1,39,711 0 9	
XXV. Miscellaneous— Sale-proceeds of old Materials	4 4 6	•	Tentage Advances		
Unclaimed Deposits—Other Dep	1,700 7 6	1.704 12 0	Objection Book Advances	68,231 14 9	2,07,942 15 6
		51,461 0 5	Cash Recoveries	•••••	4,023 14 10
Cheques and Bills (Departmental Cheques	3);	3,80,701 15 4	Forest Remittances— Remittances to Treasuries	. 7,85,759 12 5	
Advances Recoverable	1;40,119 1 9	•	Inter-divisional Transfers	•••••	
Tentage Advancies	11 1 9 17,764 10 10	1,57,894 14 4	Inter-departmental Transfers		7.85,759 .12 5
Advances Recoverable— Forest Advances Tentage Advancies	1;40,119 1 9 11 1 9	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Remittances to Treasuries  Inter-divisional Transfers	•••••	7,65,759 .12 5

		4 000 14 10 -	n 1. H		
Cash Recoveries		4,023 14 10	Bombay Uncovenanted Service Family Pension Fund—		
₩ Forest Remittances—		·	Widows' Branch	••••	464
Remittances to Treasuries	827 11 2		, .		•
Inter-divisional Transfers	*****		Accounts Current— .		•
Inter-departmental Transfers	597 1 10	· 1,424 13 0	Account between Bombay and Military,		•
Bombay Uncovenanted Service Family Pension		1,424 10 0	Bombay		
Fund-			Domouy =		
Widows' Branch	•••••	682 <b>1</b> 4	IV. Items adjustable by Military	•••••	
Militure Descript Martine Civile	}	•	A I I down Down I was 1 D W Dopont		
Military Bengal Eastern Circle— IV. Indian Military Service Family Pen-			Account between Bombay and P. W. Department, Bombay (Ordinary Branches)—		1
- sion Fund		9 <sup>2</sup> 9 <b>13</b> . 0	ment, Dombay (Ordinary Disassis)		
	•		IV. Item adjustable by P. W. Depart-		
Account between India and Bombay—		•	ment	*****	189 8
III. Items adjustable by India—			Inter-departmental charges	• •••••	. 109 6
Bengal Military Fund			Account between Bombay and P. W. Depart-		
·			ment (Railway Branch)Rail-		44
Bengal Military Orphan Fund	,		· way—		• •
Bengal Uncovenanted Service Family Pension Fund	996 0 0		IV. Items adjustable by P. W. Depart-		
Revenue Survey of India	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		Ment		*****
· ·		1,504 1 4		•	
Account between Bombay and P. W. Depart-		•	III. Items adjustable by India—		
. ment, Bombay—			mananhiai Sunyay		1,720 4 9 ·
IV. Payments into Treasuries by Civil Officers on Account of P. W.			Topographical Survey	*****	1,720 1
Department		40 6 2	Closing Balance	*****	3,973 7 8
• •	·			<u> </u>	10.44.000 5
Total	•••••	13,41,863 7 5	Total	*****	13,41,863 7 5
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No.  $\frac{F_*}{14809}$ ,

Forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, under Section 267 of the Forest Department Code.

Accountant General's Office, Bombay, 3rd September 1895.

O. T. BARROW, Accountant General.

Forest Department, Bombay, Northern Circle.

Revenue received and Outstandings on account of Revenue during 1894-95.

Division.	Particulars.	Outstandin at commence ment of year	e-	Value of Sa other Rev during y	enue	d	Total,	Amount realized during year.	Balance due to the Department at end of year.	REMARKS.
		· Rs. a.	p.	Rs.	а.	p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
	I.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Government Agency— (a). Timber (b). Firewood and charcoal II.—Timber and other Produce removed from the	50 **** *****	•	108 1		3 0	108 12 3 1 13 0	. 108 12 3 1 13 0	******	
East Thána	Forests by Consumers and Purchasers—  (a). Timber  (b). Firewood and charcoal  (c). Bamboos  (d). Grazing and fodder grass  (e). Other minor produce  III.—Drift and Waif Wood and Confiscated Forest Produce	5,166 0  1,450 0		1,97,914 1,010 567 2,974 2,828	11 11 · 5 11	6	20,30,80 8 0 1,011 11 7 567 11 6 2,974 5 6 4,278 11 0 884 8/10	1,010 11 7 567 11 6 2,974 5 6 2,828 11 0	5,166 0 0  , 1,450 0 0	
	Total	6,616 0	0					2,06,291 1 8	6,616 0 0	
	I.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Government Agency— (a). Timber			80 696	0 0	0	80 <b>0</b> 0 696 0 0	80 <b>0</b> 0 696 <b>0 0</b>		
West Thána	Forests by Consumers and Parchasers—  (a). Timber  (b). Firewood and charcoal  (c). Bamboos  (d). Grazing and fodder grass  (e). Other minor produce  III.—Drift and Waif Wood and Confiscated Forest Produce		•	3,27,479 3,691 19,028 13,099 2,857	0	0 0 0 0	3,27,479 0 0 3,691 0 0 19,028 0 0 13,099 0 0 2,857 0 0	3,691 0 0 19,028 0 0 13,099 0 0 2,857 0 0		
	Total	*****				_	3,67,516 0 0			

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Surat	I.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Government Agency—  (a). Timber  (b). Firewood  (c). Bamboos  I.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Consumers or Purchasers—  (a). Timber  (b). Firewood and charcoal  (c). Bamboos  (d). Grazing and fodder grass  (e). Other minor produce  II.—Drift and Waif Wood and Confiscated	•••••	36,199 7 1 66 0 0 20 8 0 15,445 12 6 400 15 4 9,816 5 1 1,716 2 0 2,222 8 8	15,445 12 6 400 15 4 9,816 5 1 1,716 2 0	15,445 12 6 400 15 .4 9,816 5 1 1,716 2 0	
	Forest Produce	*****	455 15 2	455 15 2	445 15 2	******
	· Total	* ******	66,343 9 10	66,343 9 10	66,843 9 10	
	.—Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Government Agency—	•		• *		
	(a.) Timber  (b). Firewood and charcoal  (c). Bamboos  —Timber and other Produce removed from the Forests by Consumers or Purchasers—	******	9,971 9 9 2,331 11 0 4 0 0	9,971 9 9 2,331 11. 0 4 0 0		******
Panch Mahals	(a). Timber (b). Firewood and charcoal (c). Bamboos (d). Grazing and fodder grass (e). Other minor produce (I:_Drift_and_Waif_Wood_and_Confiscated)	****** ****** *****	5,4704 11 3 1,915 15 1 1,753 5 9 7,345 13 3 1,142 15 6	54,704 11 3 1,915 15 1 1,753 5 9 7,345 13 3 1,142 15 6	54,704 11 3 1,915 15 1 1,753 5 9 7,345 13 3 1,142 15 6	******
Ü	Forest Produce	****	108 7 3	108 7 .3	108 7 3	•
	Total		79,278 8 10	79,278 8 10	79,278 8 10	. ,
	GEAND TOTAL	6,616 0 0	7,19,429 4 4	7,26,045 4 4	7,19,429 4 4	6,616 0 0

Bandra, 24th October 1895.

R. C. WROUGHTON,
Deputy Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

FORM No. 64.

FOREST DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY, NORTHERN CIRCLE:

Outstandings and Liabilities on account of Contractors and Disbursers for the Forest year 1894-95.

•.		DEPARTMENT DEBTO	PR.		DEPARTMENT CREDITOR	BALANCE DUE.			
Division.	At commence- ment of year.	Recoveries in cash and value of supplies and work done during year.	At close of year.	At commencement of year.	Payments made during year.	At close of year.	To Department (Outstandings).	By Depart- ment (Liabili- ties).	Remarks.
*Contractors*	Rs. a. p.	Į į	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Surat Total Contractors	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5,450 0 0	5,450 0 0	1,200 0 0	4,500 0 0	5,700 0 0 5,700 0 0	250 0 0 250 0 0	•••	
$oldsymbol{Disbursers}.$					. :/			•	•
East Thána ·	•••••	40,282 5 5	40,282 5 5	1,444 8 2	40,305 7 10	41,750 0 0	1,467 10 7.	•••	
West Thána ·	•	36,812 1 3	36,812 1 3	1,997 8 8	36,931 4 0	38,928 12 8	2,116 11 5		
Surat		32,677 4 10	32,677 4 10	353 5 4	32,991 6 8	33,344 12 0	667 7 2	•••	
Panch Maháls		.16,578 3. 0	16,578 3 0	<b>202 14</b> 2	.16,726 10 3	16,929 8 5	351 5 5	•••	
Working Plans		2,290 1 7	2,290 1 7		2,291 13 <b>1</b>	2,291 13 1	1 11 6	•••	
Bombay Forest Surveys		6,029 1 8	6,029 1 8	64 10 9	5,964 6 11	6,029 1 8	•••••	• 8 •	
Total Disbursers		.1,34,669 1 9	1,34,669 1.9	4,062 15 1	1,35,211 0 9	1,39,273 15 10	4,604 14 ·1	•••	
. GRAND TOTAL		1,40,119 1 9	1,40,119 1 9	5,262 <b>1</b> 5 <b>1</b>	1,39,711 0 9	1,44,973 15 10	4,854 14 1		

No.  $\frac{F.}{14808}$ .

Forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, under Sections 265, 267, 268 of the Forest Department Code.

Accountant General's Office, Bombay, and September 1895.

O. T. BARROW, Accountant General.

FORM No. 65.
Forest Department, Northern Circle.
Financial Results of the year 1894-95.

Division.		Timber and other Produce REMOVED FROM THE FORESTS BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY.		OTHER REVENUE.		FORMATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FORESTS.	TOTAL.		Remarks.	
•			Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Charges,	Receipts.	Charges.	
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
East Thána	***	•••	. 995	60	2,15,560	3,916	69,874	2,16,555	73 <b>,</b> 850	•
West Thána	•••	•••	1,378	284	3,72,401	6,728	62,814	3,73,779	69,826	
Surat	1890	•••	36,742	12,425	<b>30,</b> 958	29,667	39,409	67,700	81,501	
Panch Maháls	***	•••	12,416	437	68,229	7,711	42,606	80,645	50,754.	
	i	Total	51,531	13,206	6,87,148	48,022	2,14,703	7,38,679	2,75,931	

Bándra, 24th October 1895.

R. C. WROUGHTON,
Deputy Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

#### No. 198 of 1896.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Commissioner, N. D.,

Ahmedabad, 18th January 1896.

#### Forwarded.

- 2. The Northern Circle has during the year been under the administration of Mr. Wroughton, who submits the report.
- 3. Paragraphs 2 and 8 show the changes in the State forest area, but the particulars given in paragraph 2 "a large proportion is due to rectification of the records of the Forest Settlement Officer on whose report the change is made" is hardly a sufficient explanation of the large decrease in protected forest over and above the area transferred to Reserved Forest, nor do the forms 46 and 46 A supply the deficiency.
- 4. The progress made during the year in forest settlement and demarcation was slow, but this was chiefly due to Mr. Orr's bad health. The only work now remaining to be done is the completion of the settlement of Murbád and demarcation and settlement of Shahápur. There need not be much delay or trouble in connection with the acquisition of lands, as it appears that negotiations have been completed or are nearly so in most cases. The whole work should be completed by the end of the current year as anticipated.
- 5. The cost of the forest survey seems heavy, though apparently the rate is less than last year. The figures for area surveyed in detail are wrongly printed and should be 55.57 and not 5,557 square miles.
- 6. Mr. Millet's visit to the Panch Maháls has resulted in a scheme having been drawn up for working the Godhra forests. The progress made in Thána in marking coupes on the ground is more satisfactory as 255 coupes were marked out against 155. This is, however, a slow rate as remarked by the Conservator.
- 7. The total expenditure incurred on buildings and communications amounted to Rs. 10,100, of which Rs. 9,045 were spent on the former and Rs. 1,055 only on the latter. The Commissioner would be glad to see more expenditure incurred on communications.
- 8. With reference to paragraph 31 the Commissioner would reiterate his remark in paragraph 7 of his review of last year's report, as regards the insufficiency of the protective establishment.
- 9. There has been an increase in offences against the Forest law both as regards eases taken into Court and those reported as undetected; but it is satisfactory to find the proportion of failures in the former has fallen from 38 to 31 per cent. Similarly, cases compounded also show an increase, but of the 451 such eases the amount of compensation paid did not exceed Rs. 2 in 327.
- 10. The most interesting part of the report is that on fire protection. Mr. Wroughton has now been long enough in charge of the Division to thoroughly understand the practical working of the system. The Commissioner considers that they call for the serious attention of Government. The result of the experiment of employing temporary fire protective establishments may perhaps be awaited before more drastic measures are adopted. But the Commissioner understands that Mr. Cappel is in agreement with the Conservator. There appears to be good reason to believe that the fires are largely due to the custom of burning the jungles for purposes of sport. The number of gun licenses in Thána was enormously increased by Mr. Sinclair, and there can be no objection to refusing renewals in villages where the reserves have been burnt. The efforts made by Mr. Wallinger in the Mándvi Táluka deserve commendation. His failure has been clearly explained by the Conservator. It is to be hoped that he will be more successful in the Panch Maháls, to which he has been recently transferred.
- 11. The number of cattle impounded continues to be moderate, but there is no doubt that the number impounded in Thána is disproportionately small as remarked by the Conservator.

- 12. In paragraph 53 the Conservator gives an alarming account of the state of natural reproduction, and if fire protection is not more efficient, the result will be complete denudation in a few years.
- 13. The departmental operations were very limited, but the amount of timber, junglewood, firewood and charcoal removed by contractors from the Thána forests is very considerable, showing that the demand, in spite of large cuttings having been made in Jowhár and Dharampor, continues unabated. The coupe system in Thána works well, as only 15 of the 143 coupes for sale remained unsold, while six of the previous year were taken up. The sales of timber were considerably less than the previous year in both Surat and the Panch Maháls, but more firewood was removed by purchasers in the former. There was also a large falling off in the realizations from the sale of bamboos in Surat. The reason for this is explained in paragraph 86.
- 14. The financial results show a surplus of Rs. 4,62,749 against Rs. 4,96,007; this, considering the large loss referred to in paragraph 95, is very satisfactory. The fluctuations have been fully explained by the Conservator, both on the receipt as well as the expenditure side.
- 15. The extracts from the Collectors' reviews contain some important points, the chief among them, relating to the Thána forests, is the re-afforestation of cleared compartments so frequently and emphatically referred to by the Conservator of Forests in his remarks; the Collector also refers to the need for increased establishment. The Collector of the Panch Maháls notices several important matters and as attention has been drawn to them, the Conservator will, no doubt, take such remedial measures as may be possible. The Collector's remarks in paragraph 10 are sufficiently serious to call for immediate action, and as Mr. Wronghton has recently inspected some of the important forest tracts in the Panch Maháls, he will no doubt be prepared to move in the matter. It is to be regretted that Mr. Lely had not the opportunity, owing to his absence on leave, of recording his remarks on the Surat Divisional Officer's report.

G. B. REID, Commissioner, N. D.

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From

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Conservator of Forests, Central Circle;

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THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Revenue Department,

Bombay.

Camp Songaon, Poona District:

Dated 13th December 1895.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Forest Administration Report of the Central Circle for the Forest year 1894-95, together with its prescribed subsidiary statements.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
A. T. SHUTLLEWORTH,
Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.

THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL DIVISION.